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Attorney Docket No.: YMOR:186  
Date: April 30, 2004

Prior Application:  
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This is a

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR §1.114 (prosecution of the application is closed in the sense of 37 CFR §1.114(b));

Divisional Continuation Application (parent not abandoned) under 37 CFR §1.53(b);

of pending prior application Serial No. 09/697,305, filed October 27, 2000 for [Title as filed]: FAULT DETECTING METHOD AND LAYOUT METHOD FOR SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT

[Amended Title]: same

by [Inventors]: Takaki YOSHIDA and Reisuke SHIMODA

1.  A copy of the prior application is attached. This copy comprises a true copy of the prior application as filed (specification, claims, drawings, declaration). No amendments referred to in the declaration (if any) filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter therein.
2.  Abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application.

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03 FC:1202 576.00 DP  
04 FC:1201 86.00 DP

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3.  The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS REMAINING IN AN APPLICATION AFTER ENTRY  
OF ANY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT OR AMENDMENT  
UNDER 37 CFR §1.116 NOTED BELOW

	Basic Fee
	\$ 770.00
Total claims                52 - 20 = 32 x \$18.00 (* 9.00) =	576.00
Independent claims        5 - 3 = 2 x \$86.00 (*43.00) =	<u>86.00</u>
Total Filing Fee.....	= \$1,432.00

4.  A check in the amount of \$1,432.00 is enclosed (CK# 17604).  
THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY OTHER FEES  
WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT  
NO. 160331.

5.  Cancel in this application claims 23-52 of the prior application  
before calculating the filing fee. At least one independent claim  
is retained for filing purposes.

6.  Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the  
sentence:

--This is a  Continuation  Division of application Serial No.  
       filed       , which in turn is a national stage entry of  
International Application No.        filed designating the U.S., which  
claims the benefit of Application No.        filed .--

7.  Please enter in the present application the Amendment Under 37 CFR  
§1.116 with any attachments filed on in this application which was  
not entered therein.

8.  Priority of foreign application(s) No. 11-307872, filed October 29, 1999;  
in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

- The certified copy was filed in application No. 09/697,305 on  
November 30, 2000.

- A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is  
filed herewith.

9.  The prior application is assigned of record to MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD. Recorded at Reel 011250, Frame 0824.

10. [x] The power of attorney in the prior application is to Roger W. Parkhurst, Registration No. 25,177 and Charles A. Wendel, Registration No. 24,453:

- [x] a. The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
- [ ] b. Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
- [x] c. Address all future communications to

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11. [x] An Application Data Sheet is enclosed herewith.

12. [x] An Amendment is enclosed herewith.

13. [ ] An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed herewith.

14. [x] This application is not entitled to Small Entity Status.

15. [x] A Petition for One Month Extension of Time is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

PARKHURST & WENDEL, L.L.P.



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